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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 504
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Barbara Melton on being selected the 1998 White House "Citizen of the Year".

WHEREAS, each year, after a rigorous selection process, the White House Chamber of Commerce chooses its "Citizen of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming choice for the 1998 White House "Citizen of the Year" was Barbara Melton; and

WHEREAS, officials praised her exceptional service to White House, stating that her tireless efforts to improve the city's library, her professionalism as director of the White House Library, and the manner in which she addresses the needs of the library were determining factors in the choice; and

WHEREAS, a resident of White House since 1970, Barbara Melton is White House's first and only library director; and

WHEREAS, prior to her exemplary tenure as library director, Barbara Melton served as a substitute teacher for seven years in the Robertson and Sumner County schools; and

WHEREAS, she began her illustrious library career in 1987, when she served as the city's first library director on a part-time basis; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Barbara Melton was certified as a Government Municipal Generalist by the University of Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Melton also completed the state-sponsored Public Library Management Institute curriculum in 1997; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure, Barbara Melton has upgraded the library system, including the library reading selection, a state-of-the-art computer system and an expanded staff; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her duties as library director, Barbara Melton also serves with acumen and acuity as the curator of the library museum, which houses numerous artifacts, news articles and photographs pertinent to the history of White House; and

WHEREAS, her countless accomplishments aside, Barbara Melton is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with her devoted husband, Ted, and their daughter, Paula; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to recognize a woman who has meant so much to White House and the state of Tennessee and salute her numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Barbara Melton on being chosen the 1998 White House "Citizen of the Year".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.